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In re **NATIONAL PHASE** Application of)
Ian Richard Joseph BATES) Attn: US/DO/EO
International Application No. PCT/GB00/02125)
International Filing Date: June 2, 2000)
For: VEHICLE AIR BRAKING SYSTEMS) Date: November 30, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIM:

Please note, the amended claim is presented below in their amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

A¹ 12. (AMENDED) A control system according to claim 1 and adapted to provide independent control of said compressor and a purge valve therefor.